

City Council  
Atlanta, Georgia

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**A Resolution By**

**The Public Safety and Legal Administration Committee**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE SAVE LIVES NOW  
ATLANTA, STRENGTHENING THE LOCAL CHAIN OF  
SURVIVAL FOR CARDIAC ARREST, A PROJECT OF THE  
AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION.**

**WHEREAS**, annually 7,900 people die of a heart attack in Greater Atlanta and 3,800 will die within minutes of experiencing sudden cardiac arrest; and

**WHEREAS**, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Emory University Department of Emergency Medicine, Piedmont Hospital, and Georgia Institute of Technology established a partnership and CDC has pledged \$999,957 to plan, implement and support the operation of an emergency medical service based cardiac registry; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Heart Association created the concept of the "Chain of Survival"; the first link is the early 9-1-1 notification, the second is rapid provision of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), the third link is early defibrillation, and the forth link is rapid advanced life support care such as cardiac medications; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Heart Association will seek private funding to implement the project in Greater Atlanta; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Heart Association requests that the members of the Atlanta City Council endorse the Save Lives Now Atlanta campaign.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Atlanta City Council that the City of Atlanta supports the Save Lives Now Atlanta Strengthening the Local Chain of Survival for Cardiac Arrest project by the American Heart Association, Emory University, Piedmont Hospital, CDC and the Fulton County EMS community for the purpose of identifying opportunities to improve care and increase Atlanta's rate of cardiac survival.



# CITY OF ATLANTA

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### ***Legislative White Paper***

Committee of Purview: PUBLIC SAFETY & LEGAL ADMINISTRATION

Caption: A resolution in support of the Save Lives Now Atlanta, Strengthening the Local Chain of Survival for Cardiac Arrest Project, sponsored by the American Heart Association.

Council Meeting Date:	March 21, 2005
Legislation Title:	Save Lives Now Atlanta, Strengthening the Local Chain of Survival for Cardiac Arrest Project.
Requesting Dept.:	Atlanta Fire Rescue
Contract Type:	N/A
Source Selection:	N/A
Bids/Proposals Due:	N/A
Invitations Issued:	N/A
Number of Bids/ Proposals Received:	N/A
Bidders/Proponents:	N/A
Justification Statement:	N/A

**Background:** Annually, 7900 people die of a heart attack in Greater Atlanta. Of that number, nearly 3,800 people will die within minutes of experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. This project will engage the public, numerous EMS agencies, other first responders and area hospitals to change this grim picture by creating a tracking system that will map where these events occur and provide the necessary interventions outlined by the American Heart Association's "Chain of Survival Project" in order to save many lives.

**Fund Account Center:** N/A

**Source of Funds:** N/A

**Fiscal Impact:** N/A

**Term of Contract:** N/A

**Method of Cost Recovery:** N/A

**Approvals:**

**DOF:**

**DOL:**

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TRANSMITTAL FORM FOR LEGISLATION

To Mayor's Office Greg Pridgeon, Chief of Staff

(for review & distribution to Executive Management)

Commissioner Signature Dennis L. Rubin

Director Signature John Allen

From: Originating Dept. Fire

Contact (name) Valeria Rhodes Franklin (853-7799)

Committee(s) of Purview: Public Safety

Committee Deadline: \_\_\_\_\_

Committee Meeting Date(s) March 15-16, 2005

City Council Meeting Date: March 21, 2005

CAPTION:

A resolution in support of the Save Lives Now Atlanta, Strengthening the Local Chain of Survival for Cardiac Arrest, a project of the American Heart Association.

BACKGROUND/PURPOSE/DISCUSSION:

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FINANCIAL IMPACT (if any):

Mayor's Staff Only

Received by Mayor's Office: 3.3.05  
(date)

Reviewed: [Signature]  
(Initials) (date)

Submitted to Council: \_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

Action by Committee: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Adversed \_\_\_\_\_ Held \_\_\_\_\_ Amended  
Substitute \_\_\_\_\_ Referred \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_